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LABELS WITH RULES-BASED CODING

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Dear Sir:

**FOURTH REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Applicants respectfully inquiry as to the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicants previously filed Requests for Status on April 25, 2005, September 22, 2005, and March 21, 2006. Applicants have not received any communication on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants are filing this Request for Status to respectfully inquire about the status of the present application, and in particular to request notice of when the first Office Action on the merits will be issued.